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METHOD FOR KEEPING THE QUALITY
OF AQUEOUS PARENTERAL SOLUTION
OF THROMBOMODULIN IN STORAGE
AND DISTRIBUTION

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 21,
2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 117, line 24,
and continuing through the end of page 118, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

--The determination of the activity of thrombomodulin
of an aqueous preparation is performed by observing the function
of the preparation for accelerating the activation of protein C
by thrombin (APC assay). Thus, 5 μ l of a sample solution, which
was prepared suitable from an aqueous injection preparation
containing a soluble thrombomodulin so that the thrombomodulin
was contained therein, by an adequate dilution, in an amount in
the range from 0.35 to 1.4 ng, are added to 37.5 μ l of a 50 mM

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